

WEST HARTFORD VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION
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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ORDERS

NUMBER 2017-1

May 29, 2017

Organizations participating in the West Hartford Memorial Day Parade **must agree** to the following rules as a condition to participate in the Parade.

1. The parade is not to be used as a venue for making any political statement that is inconsistent with the purpose of the Memorial Day or contrary to our stated national goals.
2. For safety reasons the throwing of candy or favors at or into the crowd of spectators is prohibited.
3. This is our one day a year to honor those who served on our behalf. Please use proper protocol when the flag is passing in the parade. All present should face it, stand at attention and salute. Uniformed persons render the military salute. Women and men without hats should place their right hands over their hearts. Men should remove their hats, holding them over their hearts with their right hands. **** **Adult leaders, please make sure your scouts/teams are aware of the proper protocol.** ****

1. Appointments:

Parade Grand Marshal: Honor to Ronald F. Van Winkle

Honorary Assistant Parade Marshals: Congressman John B. Larson, Lt Governor Nancy Wyman, Congressman John B. Larson, State Representatives, Mayor Shari Cantor, Town Council Members, Town Officials, Parade Chaplain and Veterans' Commission Members

2. Sequence of Events and Timetable:

All units and individuals participating in the parade shall assemble in their designated area (Street) by **9:30 a.m.** on Monday, **May 29, 2017**

The parade will commence **promptly at 10:00 a.m.**

Memorial Day Ceremony: At the conclusion of the marching portion of the parade, the color guards of the West Hartford Fire and Police Departments along with the Veterans organizations shall assemble at the Connecticut Veterans Memorial Veterans Memorial at the corner of Farmington Avenue and North Main Street for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held at Town Hall, Room 314 at 11:00 AM.

3. Components and Order of Assembly:

The parade shall be divided into six divisions. The Exchange Club of West Hartford will Distribute US flags to children from their truck. The order of march is as follows:

FIRST DIVISION: Assemble on Farmington Avenue, west of Woodrow Street in the following order:

WEST HARTFORD POLICE MOTORCYCLE ESCORT

WEST HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD
WEST HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

GRAND MARSHAL: HONOR TO RONALD F. VAN WINKLE

HONORARY ASSISTANT PARADE MARSHALS

Congressman John B. Larson, Lt Governor Nancy Wyman, Mayor Shari Cantor, Town Council Members, Town Officials, Parade Chaplain and Veterans' Commission Members

CONARD HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WEST HARTFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD
WITH FIRE VEHICLES

CT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD – 143rd MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

SECOND DIVISION: Assemble on Farmington Ave. West of Four Mile Road in the following order:

BRISTOW BAND

AMERICAN LEGION HAYES-VELHAGE POST 9

VFW HANNON HATCH POST 9929

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

THE WEST HARTFORD FREEDOM RUN

WEST HARTFORD ROTARY CLUB

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WEST HARTFORD POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

THIRD DIVISION: Assemble on Farmington Avenue west of Newport Ave. in the following order:

SEDGWICK BAND

WEST HARTFORD GIRL SCOUTS

DUFFY DAISY TROOP #10416

DUFFY BROWNIE TROOP #10426

WEST HARTFORD BOY SCOUTS

CUB SCOUT PACK 145 - BUGBEE

CUB SCOUT PACK 46 – WHITING LANE

CUB SCOUT PACK 141 – WEBSTER HILL

CUB SCOUT PACK 148 – NORFELDT & AIKEN

CUB SCOUT PACK 161 – DUFFY

FOURTH DIVISION: Assemble on Woodrow Street in the following order:

HALL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

CELEBRATE! West Hartford Committee

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

SENIORS JOB BANK

VILLARI'S MARTIAL ARTS

RADIO 104.1 - WMRQ

MANDELL JCC – SHARKS SWIM TEAM

FIRST CHURCH ACADEMY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

HWANG’S MARTIAL ARTS

WEST HARTFORD VETERANS MEMORIAL SKATING RINK

WEST HARTFORD DOG PARK COALITION

WEST HARTFORD LITTLE LEAGUE – MIRACLE LEAGUE

WEST HARTFORD YOUTH BASEBALL

FIFTH DIVISION: Assemble on Four Mile Road in the following order:

CLASSICAL MAGNET SCHOOL BAND

WEST HARTFORD GIRLS SOFTBALL

WEST HARTFORD LITTLE LEAGUE

WEST HARTFORD GIRLS AMATEUR SOFTBALL - STORM

WEST HARTFORD YOUTH FOOTBALL

WEST HARTFORD YOUTH SOCCER

WEST HARTFORD GIRLS LACROSSE

WEST HARTFORD BOYS LACROSSE

KING PHILIP MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Line of March: From the intersection of Woodrow Street and Farmington Avenue the parade shall march east on Farmington Avenue to South Main Street. The parade shall turn south and march on the east side of Goodman Green on South Main Street to Burr Street. The parade shall turn left onto Burr Street and into the Town Hall parking lot to be dismissed by their Leaders.

PLEASE CONTINUE MOVING ONCE YOU ARE ON BURR STREET AND DISPERSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – WE NEED TO KEEP BURR STREET CLEAR FOR THE GROUPS MARCHING BEHIND YOU.

Review: The parade shall be reviewed by the parade officials from the reviewing stand located at the south end of Goodman Green. Parade officials shall march in the parade to the reviewing stand and then walk up the steps on to the reviewing stand.

WEATHER CONTINGENCY: If weather appears to be a factor on the day of the parade units will be informed by email as soon as possible **or** Leaders may call Janet at 860-966-3092 after 8:00 a.m. to find out the status of the parade. **THERE IS NO RAIN DATE.**

Memorial Day Ceremony: If the parade is canceled due to weather, there will be an alternative location for the West Hartford Memorial Day Parade Ceremony that normally takes place at the Connecticut Veterans Memorial. The ceremony will take place at Town Hall, Room 314, at 11:00 AM.